

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has indicated that the text of the instant specification is not in compliance with the requirements for Sequence Identifiers as outlined in MPEP 2422.03. This MPEP section states, in pertinent part, that "37 CFR 1.821(c) requires that each sequence disclosed in the application appear separately in the "Sequence Listing," with each sequence further being assigned a sequence identification number, referred to as "SEQ ID NO." The sequence identifiers must begin with 1 and increase sequentially by integers." Applicant notes that the format in the MPEP is "SEQ ID No." and not the format "SEQ ID NO:" the Examiner has recommended. Therefore, Applicant's use of the SEQ ID NO. format for all the current sequence identifiers in the figures and specification is believed to be in compliance with the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.821(c).

Further, Applicant has reviewed the Figures and the Specification, as amended following the Second Preliminary Amendment filed September 13, 2005 by prior counsel, and cannot find instances where a Sequence ID has not been provided in proper format. Accordingly, Applicant is unsure of how to respond to the Examiner's request and hereby asks for additional clarification so that any necessary amendments may be made. Applicant believes this is a full a complete reply to the Examiner's request.